

# Pastoral Council Meeting

## 3/6/2018

1. Items presented by Fr. Dan and Brian
  - a. Sacred Heart has begun advertising for a 25 hr/wk Administrative Assistant to work either Monday-Friday or Sunday-Thursday from 9:30AM – 2:30PM
    - i. Open to being a parishioner or an outsider
  - b. The Archdiocese has reached out regarding the process for writing the next phase of our Pastoral Plan – the current phase ends this summer.
    - i. This process will begin over the spring and summer, with formal writing sessions beginning in the fall and lasting through early spring.
    - ii. The writing group will include staff and parishioners, but will be a smaller group than the initial plan writing team
    - iii. The Pastoral Council will begin their participation in the plan writing process at their next meeting.
2. Items presented to the Pastoral Staff
  - a. The need for additional offerings in the area of Adult Education
    - i. Andrea will work with parishioners in this area.
  - b. Future of the Welcome Table
    - i. What is the best version of the Welcome Table currently in the back of the Church at both parishes?
    - ii. In our ongoing conversations around hospitality, we hope to illuminate a path forward.
    - iii. Giveaways, more attention from the presider at the end of Mass, and more formation are all options
  - c. The desire for a teaching Mass
  - d. Presenting materials and opportunities in a way that does not sound intimidating (churchy language, academic conversations, etc...). Communication must happen in the language of our culture
  - e. At Our Lady's, could priests greet at one of the side doors on occasion?
  - f. Gearing Mass towards Millennials. What would that look like?
3. Feet Washing Reflection
  - a. The Council read the Gospel passage from St. John where Jesus washes the feet of the 12 Disciples. Thinking about this text as a metaphor for engaging those who are not involved or marginally involved in parish life, how can we as parishioners wash the feet of others?
  - b. After conversation, this is what we heard shared:
    - i. Linger Longer – can we stay 10 minutes after Mass and talk with someone?
    - ii. Young children help form a community of people around them in the pew.
    - iii. Spot someone you don't know and introduce yourself
    - iv. Write a letter to people who you haven't seen in church for a while. The parish can help with contact info.
    - v. Meet people where they are at – on social media

- vi. Feet washing requires humility
  - vii. Value to reach out to someone personally
  - viii. Present to people where they are
  - ix. Margins means finding people that are different
4. Next Meeting – TBD, but most likely late April.